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New MTCC hours threaten student productivity

By Hannah Larson

ASSISTANT EDITOR

I never spend my Friday nights in the MTCC, or on campus for that matter.

Though there have been those few rare occasions where I've had to stay late on the beginning of my weekend to complete an important assignment or tie up loose ends regarding various student organizations, the most recent being Finance Board's budget deadline this last Friday, I've always taken the MTCC for granted.

Effective last Monday, January 30, the MTCC will now be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays. Before this drastic change, the MTCC was open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. all week long.

As a conciliation, the Campus and Conference Center has made the recreation equipment at their Welcome Desk, including pool balls, sticks, ping pong balls and paddles, free for everyone. Though I do not use the recreation equipment, this seems a nice gesture of goodwill due to the diminished hours.

When I first heard that the MTCC would be changing their hours, it seemed the proper thing to do. Why waste time and resources keeping the student center open on

days when few students actually use it for its intended purpose? And who really spends all of their weekend in the MTCC?

As a commuter student, I do spend a fair amount of my time in the MTCC during the weekdays, whether attending meetings in one of the colored rooms, grabbing a quick bite to eat from Center Court or 7 Eleven, and just taking a break in between classes. I don't feel the new hours will impede on my class schedule, and the time I spend in the MTCC because of academics, though it might affect when I come to campus to start homework.

My study schedule is a little unorthodox: I like to wake up at 5 a.m. and head to campus to work on homework before my classes that start at 10 a.m. I've found studying in the MTCC to be convenient and closer to my classes during the week. The main draw to the MTCC however, is an early morning coffee from Global Grounds.

They too have changed their schedule to reflect the updated hours. Global Grounds will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Center Court Late Night will also be closing 15 minutes earlier to adhere to the MTCC's new hours. Center Court will be open 7 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday.

Although these new MTCC hours won't interfere with any academic engagements, extracurricular activities might suffer.

As an executive member of several student organizations, I've had a handful of events held in the MTCC on Friday or Saturday nights, which always seem to have a healthy turn out, but with the new hours in effect they would restrict weekend events, and could affect the planning of future events.

These new hours could even affect our beloved TechNews. Many of our readers may not be aware of how late we work, the issue you're holding at this moment contains many man-hours of writing, copy-editing, and layout time. I couldn't tell you how many times I've been in the MTCC on Sunday until midnight putting the finishing touches on the latest issue of TechNews, and once or twice even coming in on Monday for some last minute changes, so the possibility that TechNews and myself will have to edit our internal procedures to make a new deadline is a very real issue.

Though the diminished hours in the MTCC may slightly change how student organizations operate, and how some students study, spend their recreation time, and eat, it will encourage students to get off campus during the weekends, and enjoy other amenities Chicago has to offer, as well as save time and resources dedicated to operating the MTCC.

MTCC Building Hours and Recreation Changes

Building Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:00am - 11:00pmFriday 7:00am - 7:00pm10:30am - 7:00pmSaturday 10:30am - 11:00pmSunday

Recreation

Equipment will be located at the Welcome Desk It is FREE!



Image courtesy of Campus and Conference Centers

Dr. Bruce Fisher's last Leadership Academy seminar

By Mike Purdy

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"Develop courage, develop confidence," said Dr. Bruce Fisher in his last hoorah as Director of IIT's Leadership Academy. This last address was a leadership seminar titled "Understand Yourself, Lead Others" and was presented by Fisher to an audience of roughly 80-90 undergraduate students at the Armour Dining Hall last Saturday. Each was eager to gain some of Fisher's prodigious wisdom before he bids farewell to the IIT community later this week. The seminar took place a day after applications for the Leadership Academy Scholarship were due, of which there are 13 available this semester, making the atmosphere inside of the dining hall calmly laid-back, yet focused and intense. Dr. Fisher's familiar humor and compassionate insight made for an enjoyable experience, leaving many budding leaders motivated and inspired to make positive, lasting changes both in their own lives and the lives of others through leadership.

This interactive seminar was unique

in that it provided an in-depth personality evaluation through completion of the Myer's-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). First published in 1962, the MBTI is a preference-based questionnaire made up of 93 subjective questions used to determine one's personality type. With the objectives of the seminar being self-insight, understanding, and the awareness of individual differences, the MBTI proved to be a stellar measure of personal style and leadership approach. Once the test had been administered, students were able to score themselves and find out their personality type, of which there are 16 in total. These personality types are deduced by the participant's scores between four bi-polar scales of attributes, including: extroversion vs. introversion, sensing vs. intuition, thinking vs. feeling, and judging vs. perception.

As the seminar progressed, Fisher aided the students in understanding the fundamental differences between personality types and how to go about becoming psychologically patriotic while developing flexibility and versatility. In an analogy to basketball, Fisher stated, "You've got to learn

how to go left!" - meaning that always playing to your strong suit and seldom balancing your approach to problems will result in an inability to lead effectively; developing a versatile personality is essential to working with others and making a positive impact. Fisher also explained how to give people constructive feedback, another critical element of an effective leader. Many group exercises were facilitated throughout the seminar to heighten the awareness of our individual differences, examine the themes that exist amongst those with similar personalities, and instill within us that the best teams have diversity of leadership style, especially at a place like IIT.

At the seminar's close, a standing ovation erupted for Dr. Fisher, providing a fitting end to his selfless career which began at IIT many years ago and has helped pave a successful path for countless students and the university alike. There will be many more leadership seminars in the future, but Bruce's charismatic presence, charming wit, and professional insight will surely be missed. We salute you, Dr. Fisher!